

RACIAL PROFILING DATA/2000

**Agency: Florissant Police Dept.**

**Population: 38,035**

age 18 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	3371	2174	1140	28	18	3	8
Searches	305	161	140	2	2	0	0
Arrests	303	142	157	1	2	1	0
Statewide population %	N/A	86.38	10.41	1.82	1.43	1.03	0.99
Local population %	N/A	87.80	10.29	1.23	0.89	0.58	0.66
Disparity index	N/A	0.73	3.29	0.68	0.60	0.15	0.36
Search rate	9.05	7.41	12.28	7.14	11.11	0.00	0.00

**Notes:**

Population figures are for those who are 18 years of age and older. Figures are from the 2000 Census (driving-age figures are not yet available).

Black, Asian, and American Indian includes persons of mixed race. Other race includes unknown race.

The disparity index = proportion of stops / proportion of population. A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

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TRAFFIC STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Violation leading to stop	Moving	2083	1402	656	8	10	1	6
	Equipment	570	337	221	8	2	1	1
	License	843	490	333	12	6	1	1
Stop outcome	Citation	2467	1628	804	15	13	1	6
	Warning	1037	630	385	14	5	1	2
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	36	18	18	0	0	0	0
	US hwy	489	299	179	7	3	0	1
	State hwy	654	313	331	5	4	0	1
	County road	905	609	283	5	3	0	5
	City street	1239	905	313	9	8	3	1
	Other	48	30	16	2	0	0	0
Driver gender	Male	2040	1342	661	21	9	2	5
	Female	1331	832	479	7	9	1	3
Driver age	17 and under	310	254	51	1	3	0	1
	18-29	1615	1038	548	16	6	2	5
	30-39	745	425	303	9	6	0	2
	40 and over	701	457	238	2	3	1	0

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	108	68	39	1	0	0	0
	Inventory	26	8	17	0	1	0	0
	Drug/alcohol odor	31	23	8	0	0	0	0
	Incident to arrest	176	78	95	1	2	0	0
	Plain view contraband	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	6	4	2	0	0	0	0
	Drug-dog alert	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	9	5	4	0	0	0	0
What searched	Driver	270	141	127	0	2	0	0
	Car/property	255	143	108	2	2	0	0
Search duration	0-15 minutes	298	156	138	2	2	0	0
	16-30 minutes	7	5	2	0	0	0	0
	31+ minutes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	29	20	9	0	0	0	0
	Currency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Stolen property	6	1	5	0	0	0	0
	Other	5	4	1	0	0	0	0
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	169	60	105	1	2	1	0
	Drug violation	19	17	2	0	0	0	0
	Resist arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Offense against person	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	DWI/BAC	21	17	4	0	0	0	0
	Property offense	4	1	3	0	0	0	0
	Other	132	63	67	1	1	0	0

## Agency response

Upon reviewing the data, I found that the numbers presented are generally consistent with information already compiled by our agency, in terms of total number of traffic stops, citations, warnings, locations, etc. However, I am concerned with the area of the report which reflects the population percentages of the various races who reside in our city. I specifically call your attention to the population percentages used to formulate the disparity index, which reflects that African-Americans are over-represented in total traffic stops made by officers of our department. While these percentages of the population probably accurately reflect African-Americans residing within our city limits, it unfortunately fails to account for the many others who spend time each day in our community. The City of Florissant, like many other similar cities, is not a self-contained community and offers many amenities to our citizens and North St. Louis County and St. Louis City neighbors. The city is home to numerous business districts, shopping centers, department stores, supermarkets and specialty stores, all of which serve residents of the entire area. Additionally, numerous arterial roadways, such as county, state and even a portion of interstate highway service the city and provide access and travel routes for our citizens and neighbors. According to our statistics, it is these roadways

where the majority of our traffic stops occur. The City of Florissant prides itself as a culturally diverse community made up of vastly larger populations of minorities who use city services each day and are not accounted for in the official figures. The higher ratio of visiting population is due to significantly higher percentages of African-American citizens living in every one of our adjacent communities. These include the City of Berkeley (76.4%), the City of Black Jack (71.2%), the City of Dellwood (58.2%), the City of Ferguson (52.3%), the City of Hazelwood (16%), the City of Kinloch (95.8%), and Spanish Lake (54.5%), to name just a few. I would ask that you please consider this information prior to releasing the final report so that percentages are accurately conveyed to the public so that we may continue forging strong relationships within the community, especially with our minority citizens.